

Public Notice of Application for Permit

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PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: March 19, 2007

EXPIRATION DATE:

April 17, 2007

REFERENCE NUMBER:

POA-2007-510-4

WATERWAY:

Cleary Creek

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the attached plan.

<u>APPLICANT</u>: Michael P. Gross, VP Exploration, Freegold Recovery Inc. USA, 2303 West 41st Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6M2A3.

AGENT: Curt Freeman, President, Avalon Development Corporation, Post Office Box 80268, Fairbanks, Alaska 99708

<u>LOCATION</u>: The proposed project is located within sections 24, 25, 26, T. 3 N., R. 1 E., and sections 19, 29, 30, T. 3 N., R. 2 E., Fairbanks Meridian; Latitude 65.0645° N., Longitude -147.4399° W., near/in Chatanika, Alaska.

<u>PURPOSE</u>: The applicant's stated purpose is mineral exploration and bulk sampling from approximately May 1, 2007 through May 1, 2012.

WORK: The applicant proposes to mechanically clear and/or fill a minimum of 8.5 acres of wetlands and a maximum of 33 acres of wetlands for exploration trenches, access roads, and drill pads. All work would be completed in accordance with the attached project description, table and plans, sheets 1-11, dated 03/14/2007.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The acreage of wetland impacts depend on results of initial exploration findings in an area. If the results of initial exploration are positive, work in that area would continue. If the results of the initial exploration are negative, the area would be reclaimed and work would move to the next priority area. See project description, table and plans, sheets 1-11, dated 03/14/2007.

MITIGATION: As a result of early project planning, the applicant has incorporated into the proposed project the following mitigation efforts to reduce impacts to the aquatic environment: The reclamation of disturbed lands in an on-going fashion as soon as it can be determined that disturbed lands would not be re-disturbed by subsequent exploration activities. (See sheet 2 of 11, dated 03/14/2007)

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A permit for the described work will not be issued until a certification or waiver of certification, as required under Section 401 of

the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217), has been received from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, reasons for holding a public hearing.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The latest published version of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) has been consulted for the presence or absence of historic properties, including those listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. There are no listed or eligible properties in the vicinity of the worksite. Consultation of the AHRS constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Engineer at this time, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. This application is being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Any comments SHPO may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by work under the requested permit will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION: The Alaska District fully supports tribal self-governance and government-to-government relations between the Federal government and Federally recognized Tribes. This notice invites participation by agencies, Tribes, and members of the public in the Federal decision-making process. In addition, Tribes with protected rights or resources that could be significantly affected by a proposed Federal action (e.g., a permit decision) have the right to consult with the Alaska District on a government-to-government basis. Views of each Tribe regarding protected rights and resources will be accorded due consideration in this process. This Public Notice serves as notification to the Tribes within the area potentially affected by the proposed work and invites their participation in the Federal decision-making process regarding the protected Tribal right or resource. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Engineer during the public comment period.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: No threatened or endangered species are known to use the project area.

Preliminarily, the described activity will not affect threatened or endangered species, or modify their designated critical habitat, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service. Any comments they may have concerning endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The proposed work is being evaluated for possible effects to Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) pursuant to the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1996 (MSFCMA), 16 U.S.C. et seq and associated federal regulations found at 50 CFR 600 Subpart K. The Alaska District includes areas of EFH as Fishery Management Plans. We have reviewed the January 20, 1999, North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Environmental Assessment to locate EFH area as identified by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

We have determined that the described activity within the proposed area will not adversely affect EFH, including anadromous fish and federally managed fishery resources.

SPECIAL AREA DESIGNATION: None.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts, which the proposed activity may have on the public interest, requires a careful weighing of all the factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The outcome of the general balancing process would determine whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur. That decision should reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge that would be authorized by such permit would not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines. Subject to the preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria (see Sections 320.2 and 320.3), a permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Comments on the described work, with the reference number, should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Benjamin Soiseth at (907) 474-2166 or by email at Benjamin.N.Soiseth@poa02.usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be issued or denied under the following authorities:

(X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States - Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

A plan, and Notice of Application for State Water Quality Certification are attached to this Public Notice.

District Engineer
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Attachments

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS Proposed Five Year Golden Summit Exploration Plan Freegold Recovery Inc. USA Golden Summit Project, Alaska

The following is a summary of proposed mineral exploration activities being proposed by Freegold Ventures Limited (Freegold) on their Golden Summit project in the Fairbanks Mining District, Alaska, from May 2007 to May 2012. The project area is located near Fairbanks in Township 3 North, Ranges 1 and 2 East, Fairbanks Meridian and Base, on the Steese Highway immediately north of Cleary Summit.

The project has been broken up into four blocks to facilitate explanation of the proposed activities and calculate relative acreages of new disturbance. Figure 1 attached to this summary depicts the current land status and the 4 exploration blocks, Cleary Hill, Tolovana, Tamarack and Newsboy. Figure 2 depicts the extent of wetlands within the map area and depicts those areas where Freegold intends to focus their efforts within each of the 4 blocks (designated by dashed ovals). A significant part of the land covered by the four exploration blocks has been previously mined and/or otherwise disturbed by trenching, drilling or bulk sampling dating back over 35 years. In calculating the extent of disturbance on wetlands, Freegold has estimated what proportion of the land within the dashed ovals is currently disturbed and what lands are not disturbed. This information is presented in tabular form in Table 1.

Based on the estimates made in Table 1, Freegold five-year plans will entail excavation of approximately 9,000 to 55,000 linear feet of trenches on both disturbed and undisturbed lands. Average trench dimensions will be 300'L x 20'W x 12'D (Figure 3). The width estimate included the excavated portion of the trench (approximately 6 feet in width) as well as the area covered by humic the stockpile and the area covered by the soil and bedrock stockpile. From a volume standpoint, approximately 60% of the excavated material stockpiled adjacent to trenches will be soil and bedrock while the remaining 40% will consist of humic mater. Of the total trench footage, the acreage that will be affected on previously undisturbed lands will range from 2.30 to 13.77 acres and will consist of 24,000 to 147,000 yd3 (assuming 6' excavated width by 12 foot excavated depth). Both diamond drilling and rotary drilling are also planned for the Golden Summit project. This work will require clearing approximately 105 to 500 drill pads ranging from 25' by 50' in size and averaging 45' in diameter (Figure 4). Of this total drill pad construction, the acreage that will be excavated on previously undisturbed lands will range from 1.69 to 7.53 acres. New access roads to support drilling, trenching and bulk sampling will be required in some parts of the exploration area (Figures 5 and 6). Approximately 4 to 9 miles of 20' wide road will need to be constructed of which 4.48 to 10.79 acres of road will be constructed on previously undisturbed lands.

While bulk sampling of previously explored lands is dependent on the results of previously completed and evaluated trenching and drilling, Freegold is anticipating that each of the 4 exploration blocks will merit bulk sampling. It is also assumed that bulk samples will be collected over previously disturbed lands so no new acres of disturbance are included in the bulk sample estimates. These bulk samples will range from 30,000 to 200,000 cubic yards of material (cumulative) over the five-year plan (Table 1). Of this total yardage that may be extracted,

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Project Description POA-2007-510-4 03/14/2007 Sheet 1 of 11 approximately 15,000 to 106,250 cubic yards will be excavated from areas where no current disturbances exist. At present, all processing of these bulk samples will take place on private lands near the mouth of Wolf and Cleary Creek (see "Processing Area" on Figure 2). This site is covered by largely unvegetated dredge gravels previously mined prior to 1963.

Although a previous jurisdictional determination has not been completed for this project, Freegold is assuming that all new disturbances will occur on typical north-facing black spruce forest with ericateous-shrub/moss understory. No riparian wetland disturbance is proposed under this permit application.

Reclamation

Freegold has conducted significant exploration in the Cleary Summit area since 1992 and has acquired and closed numerous hardrock exploration permits acquired from the State of Alaska Division of Mining, Land and Water Management and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. Reclamation of disturbed lands will occur in an on-going fashion as soon as it can be determined that disturbed lands will not be re-disturbed by subsequent exploration activities. All humic material covering drill pad, trench and/or bulk sample sites will be stockpiled adjacent to one side of the disturbed area (Figures 3, 4 and 5). All soil overburden will be stockpiled in a separate but adjacent area. All rock and rubble from bedrock excavation will be stockpiled in a different area from the soil and humic stockpiles. Once the planned work has been completed in these excavated areas, a backhoe and/or crawler dozer will be used to backfill the disturbed area in the reverse order of excavation. Humic material will be distributed in such a manner as to mitigate sheet and/or channel erosion. Silt fences of natural organic materials or man-made materials will be placed as appropriate to minimize impacts to adjacent wetlands and streams. No artificial reseeding is planned unless it is required for seasonal stabilization prior to regrowth of indigenous plant species. In such event, seed mixtures approved by the State Div. of Mining, Land and Water Management and the U.S BLM will be utilized. In the event temporary culverts are required to maintain current surface drainage patterns, culverts will be constructed as depicted in Figure 6. Such culverts will be removed as part of the reclamation closure plan.

The following is a brief description of Freegold's five-year exploration plans for each of the 4 exploration blocks where work is anticipated. Details relating to total disturbances and new disturbances are summarized in Table 1.

- 1. CLEARY HILL BLOCK: The Cleary Hill block consists of five Patented Claims, five Federal Lode Mining Claims, and one Federal Placer Mining Claim. These claims contain the historic Cleary Hill Mine. Access is via a mile long unpaved road from the south side of the Steese Highway 2.5 miles north of Cleary Summit (Figure 1, Block 1). Proposed activities on this block include 5000 to 15,000 feet of trenching, 50,000 to 120,000 feet of drilling (core/RC/RAB) spread over 50 to 250 drill pads, construction of 1 to 2 miles of access road/haul road, and excavation of 10,000 to 75,000 cubic yards of bulk sample material. The Cleary Hill block is the highest priority target for Freegold and is the block from which the 10,000 ton bulk sample was extracted in 2006. Acreage and yardage estimates on previously undisturbed lands are shown in Table 1.
- 2: TOLOVANA BLOCK: The Tolovana block consists of three Federal Lode Mining Claims, one Federal Placer Mining Claim, and three State of Alaska Mining Claims. These claims contain the historic Tolovana Mine. Access is via a mile long unpaved road from the south side of the Steese Highway 2.5 miles north of Cleary Summit (Figure 1, Block 2).

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Proposed activities on this block include 1000 to 15,000 feet of trenching, 10,000 to 100,000 feet of drilling (core/RC/RAB) spread over 15 to 100 drill pads, construction of 1 to 2 miles of access road/haul road, and excavation of 10,000 to 50,000 cubic yards of bulk sample material. At this point the Tolovana block is a second priority target for Freegold; activities on this block depend on positive results from other areas on the project. Acreage and yardage estimates on previously undisturbed lands are shown in Table 1.

- 3. TAMARACK BLOCK: Block D consists of eight Federal Lode Mining Claims, one Federal Patent, and two State of Alaska Mining Claims. Access is via Block C (Figure 1, Block 3). Proposed activities on this block include 1,00 to 15,000 feet of trenching, 10,000 to 100,000 feet of drilling (core/RC/RAB) spread over 25 to 100 drill pads, construction of 1 to 3 miles of access road/haul road, and excavation of 5,000 to 50,000 cubic yards of bulk sample material. At this point the Tamarack block is a third priority target for Freegold; activities on this block depend on positive results from other areas on the project. Acreage and yardage estimates on previously undisturbed lands are shown in Table 1.
- 4. NEWSBOY BLOCK: The Newsboy block consists of 6 State of Alaska Mining claims under lease to Freegold. These claims contain the historic Newsboy Mine and Robinson mines, both historic producing gold mines. An unpaved access road runs west from the Steese Highway, approximately one mile north of Cleary Summit, ending near the middle of (Figure 1, Block 4). Proposed activities on this block include 2000 to 10,000 feet of trenching, 10,000 to 100,000 feet of drilling (core/RC/RAB) spread over 15 to 50 drill pads, construction of 1 to 2 miles of access road/haul road, and excavation of 5,000 to 25,000 cubic yards of bulk sample material. At this point the Newsboy block is a fourth priority target for Freegold; activities on this block depend on positive results from other areas on the project. Acreage and yardage estimates on previously undisturbed lands are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Five-year summary of trenching, drilling, road construction and bulk sampling at the Golden Summit project, Alaska

13.77	2.30		25.25	4.13	55,000	9,000	TOTALS
3.44	0.69	75%	4.59	0.92	10,000	2,000	Newsboy
5.17	0.34	75%	6.89	0.46	15,000	1,000	Tamarack
1.72	0.11	25%	6.89	0.46	15,000	1,000	Tolovana
3.44		50%	6.89	2.30	15,000	5,000	Cleary Hill
Max Trenching, undisturbed lands (acres)	Mir	% Trenching on Currently Undisturbed Land	Max Trenching, all lands (acres)	Min Trenching, all lands (acres)	Max Trenching, all lands (feet)	Min Trenching, all lands (feet)	Block Name

235,000	42,500		420,000	80,000	TOTALS
75,000	7,500	75%	100,000	10,000	Newsboy
75,000	7,500	75%	100,000	10,000	Tamarack
25,000		25%	100,000	10,000	Tolovana
60,000	25,000	50%	120,000	50,000	Cleary Hill
(feet)	lands (feet)	Land	lands (feet)	lands (feet)	Name
undisturbed lands	Min Drilling undisturbed	Currently Undisturbed	Max Drilling, all	Min Drilling, all	Block
; ;		% Drilling on		•	

75
75%
25
50%
Undisturbed Land
Acres, Max % Pad Acres on Currently

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10.79	4.48		21.82	9.70	9	4	TOTALS
3.64	1.82	75%	4.85	2.42	2	_	Newsboy
5.45	1.82	75%	7.27	2.42	ω	l-	Tamarack
1.21	0.61	25%	4.85	2.42	2	1	Tolovana
0.48	0.24	10%	4.85	2.42	2	1	Cleary Hill
lands (acres)	(acres)	Undisturbed Land	(acres)	(acres)	all lands (miles)	all lands (miles)	Name
undisturbed	undisturbed lands	Currently	Road, all lands	Road, all ands	Max New Road,	Min New Road,	Block
Max New Road,	Min New Road,	% New Roads on	Max New	Min New			

106,250	15,000		200,000	30,000	TOTALS
18,750	3,750	75%	25,000	5,000	Newsboy
37,500	3,750	75%	50,000	5,000	Tamarack
12,500	2,500	25%	50,000	10,000	Tolovana
37,500	5,000	50%	75,000	10,000	Cleary Hill
(yd3)	lands (yd3)	Land	lands (yd3)	(yd3)	Name
undisturbed lands	undisturbed	Undisturbed	Samples, all	Samples, all lands	Block
Max Bulk Sample,	Sample,	Currently	Max Bulk	Min Bulk	
	Min Bulk	Sample on			
		% Bulk			

1. All trenches are assumed to have widths of 20 feet between outer edges of stockpiles (0.46 acres per 1,000 feet of

sq. ft)

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trenching)
2. All drill pads are assumed to be 25 feet by 50 feet in dimensions (1,250

All roads are assumed to be 20 feet wide average width (2.424 acres/mile)

4. Assumes all bulk samples will be collected in places where drilling, trenching and road building have already disturbed land (no new acres disturbed for bulk sample)

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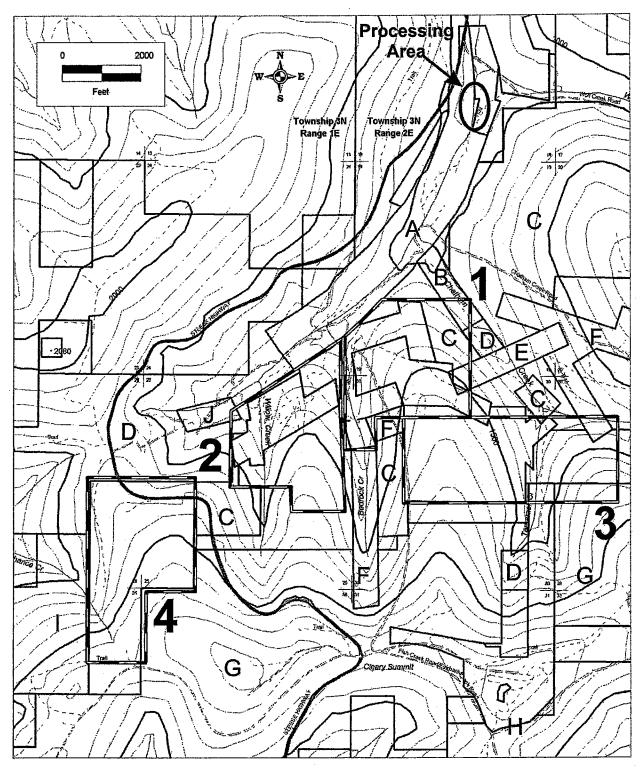


FIGURE 1: Land status and proposed 5-year work plan areas on Freegold Recovery Inc. USA's Golden Summit project, Fairbanks Mining District, Alaska. Exploration Block Key: 1 - Cleary Hill block; 2 = Tolovana block; 3 = Tamarack block; 4 = Newsboy block. Land Owner Key: A = John Reeves; B = Oscar Tweiten; C = Pedro Mining LLC; D = Mental Health Trust; E = Schwarz and others; F - Alaska Mining & Dev.; G = Husky Oil' H = Skiland; I = Terri Archer; J = Joe Faulhaber.

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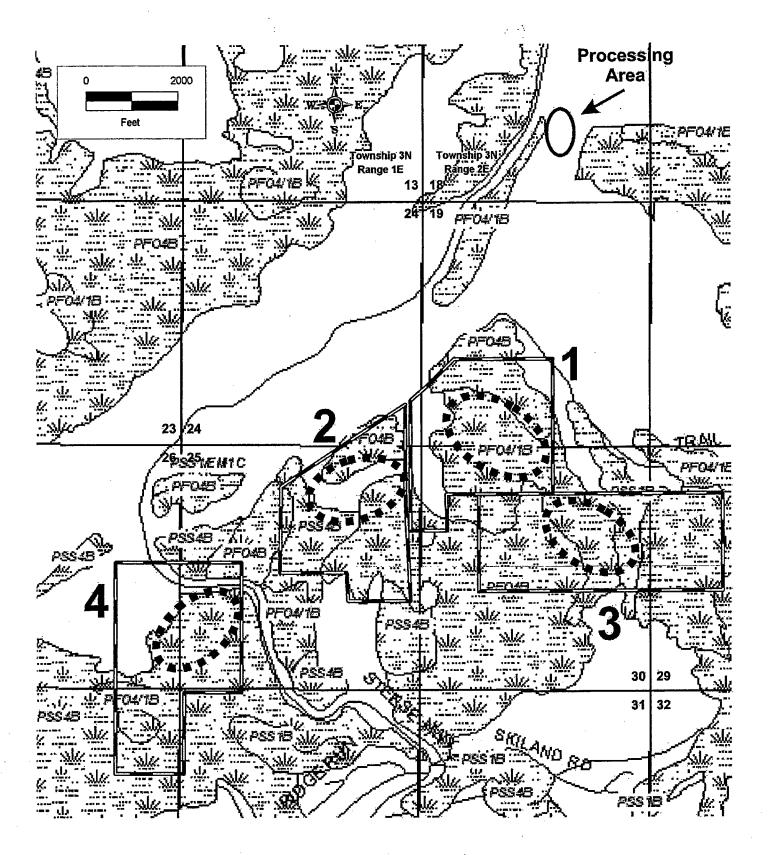
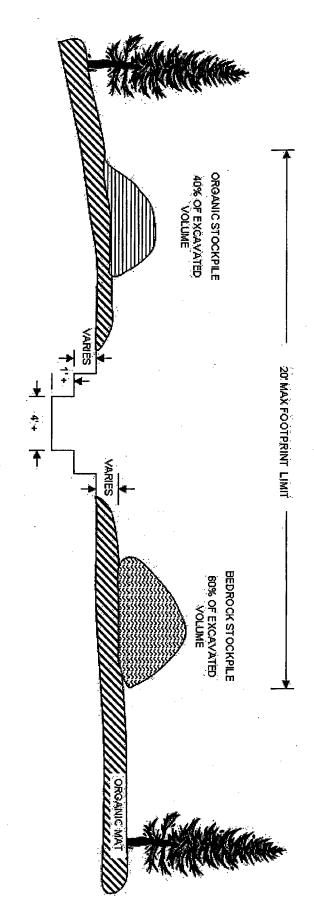


FIGURE 2: Land status and proposed 5-year work plan areas on Freegold Recovery Inc. USA's Golden Summit project, Fairbanks Mining District, Alaska. Exploration Block Key: 1 - Cleary Hill block; 2 = Tolovana block; 3 = Tamarack block; 4 = Newsboy block. Dashed ovals represent anticipated primary focus of exploration in each exploration block. Shaded patter is designated wetlands, unshaded areas are non-wetlands. Wetlands data from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2007. all other data from Avalon Development Corp., 2007

Wetland Map, POA-2007-510-4, 03/14/2007

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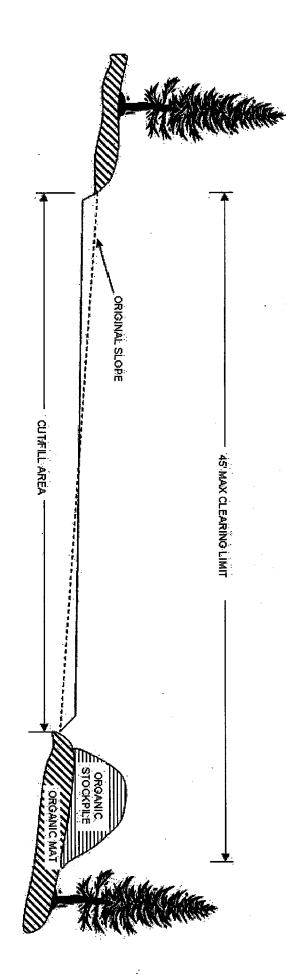


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- TRENCH DEPTH VARIES TO MAX 12 FEET
- TRENCH SIDE SLOPES WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO APPLICABLE SAFETY STANDARDS
- EXCAVATED TRENCH WIDTH AVERAGES 6 FEET AND DEPENDS ON DEPTH AND MATERIAL TYPE
- WHERE APPLICABLE, TOPSOIL AND ORGANIC MATERIALS WILL BE STOCKPILED ON DOWNGRADIENT, SLOPE TO MINIMIZE IMPACTS TO ADJACENT WETLANDS
- DURING RECLAMATION, BEDROCK WILL BE PLACED IN THE TRENCH AND CAPPED WITH ORGANICS. IF AVAILABLE, OUT TREES WILL BE SCATTERED OVER THE RECONTOURED TRENCH TO PROMOTE REVEGETATION AND DISCOURAGE ACCESS
- AVERAGE TRENCH FOOTPRINT SIZE IS 300L X 20 W X 12'D = 2,666 CY MATERIAL affecting 0.14 ACRES

Exploration Trench Typical Section

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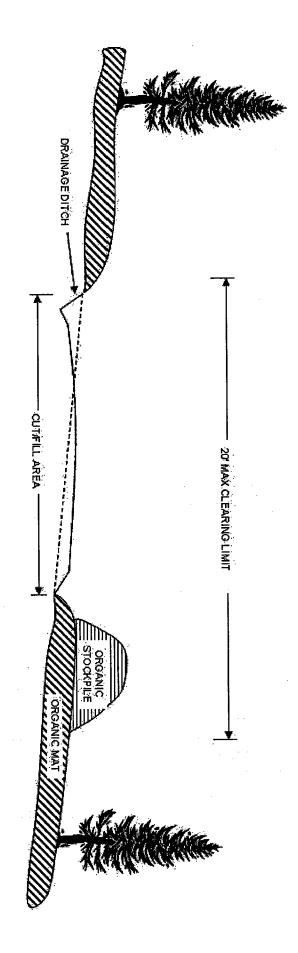


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- DRILL PAD VARIES TO MAX OF 45 FEET DIAMETER.
- WHERE APPLICABLE, TOPSOIL AND ORGANIC MATERIALS WILL BESTOCKPILED ON DOWNGRADIENT. SLOPE TO MINIMIZE IMPACTS TO ADJACENT WETLANDS.
- DURÍNG RECLAMATION, DRILL PAD WILL BERECONTOURED AND CAPPED WITH ORGANICS. IF AVAILABLE, OUT TREES WILL BE SCATTERED OVER THE RECONTOURED TRENCH TO PROMOTE REVEGETATION AND DISCOURAGE ACCESS.
- DEPTH OF OUT AND FILL WILL DEPEND ON SIDE SLOPE ASSUME AVERAGE OF 2-FOOT OUT DEPTH ON UPSLOPE SIDE
- AVERAGE TRENCH SIZE 45' DIA = 160 CY MATERIAL AND 0.007 ACRES

Exploration Drill Pad Typical Section

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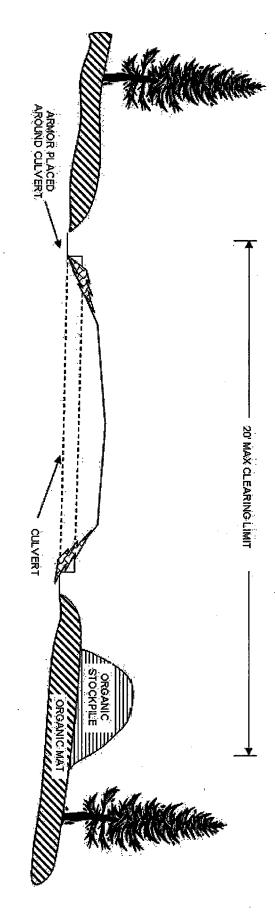
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- ACCESS ROAD OPERATING SURFACE IS 12 FEET IN WIDTH.
- FILL WILL BE EITHER EXCAVATED BEDROCK FROM CUT PORTION OF ROAD OR GRAVEL.
- WHERE APPLICABLE, TOPSOIL AND ORGANIC MATERIALS WILL BE STOCKPILED ON DOWNGRADIENT SLOPE TO MINIMIZE IMPACTS TO ADJACENT WETLANDS.
- DURING RECLAMATION, ACCESS ROADS WILL BE RECONTOURED AND CAPPED WITH ORGANICS. IF AVAILABLE, CUT TREES WILL BE SCATTERED OVER THE RECONTOURED TRENCH TO PROMOTE REVEGETATION AND DISCOURAGE ACCESS.

 DEPTH OF CUT, AND FILL WILL DEPEND ON SIDE SLODE ASSUME AVERAGE OF 2-FOOT CUT DEPTH
- UPSLOPE SIDE. DEPTH OF CUT AND FILL WILL DEPEND ON SIDE SLOPE - ASSUME AVERAGE OF 2-FOOT CUT DEPTH ON
- ACCESS ROADS 20W X X FEET LONG X CY AND X ACRES

Exploration Access Road Typical Section

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- ACCESS ROAD OPERATING SURFACE IS 12 FEET IN WIDTH.
- CULVERT WILL BE SIZED TO FIT THE DRAINAGE, USUALLY 18-24 INCH DIAMETER CMP.
- CULVERT WILL BE PLACED IN MATURAL DRAINAGE OR DITCH FLOW LINE. IF APPLICABLE, DOWNSLOPE ORGANIC STOCKPILE WILL BE NOTCHED TO ALLOW FLOW THROUGH.
- DURING RECLAMATION, CULYERTS WILL BE REMOVED AND DRAINAGE PATTERN RESTORED.

Culvert Typical Section

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STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

DIVISION OF WATER

401 Certification Program
Non-Point Source Water Pollution Control Program

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct an activity that might result in a discharge into navigable waters, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL95-217), also must apply for and obtain certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that the discharge will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. By agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation, application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge dredged or fill material into navigable waters under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act also may serve as application for State Water Quality Certification.

Notice is hereby given that the application for a Department of the Army Permit described in the Corps of Engineers' Public Notice No POA-2007-510-4, Cleary Creek serves as application for State Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

After reviewing the application, the Department may certify that there is reasonable assurance that the activity, and any discharge that might result, will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. The Department also may deny or waive certification.

Any person desiring to comment on the project with respect to Water Quality Certification may submit written comments within 30 days of the date of the Corps of Engineer's Public Notice to:

Department of Environmental Conservation WQM/401 Certification 555 Cordova Street Anchorage, Alaska 99501-2617 Telephone: (907) 269-6281

FAX:

(907) 269-7508